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GEO. W. PARK, Libonia, Franklin Co., Pa.

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Duchess de Parma, red with yellow band; large, early and beautiful.

Brutus, bright orange-crimson with gold margin; a very showy variety.

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Yellow Rose, double, golden yellow, very large flower, open and full; almost as showy as a Paeony.

Lutea Major, Parrot, immense golden yellow flowers, elegantly fringed petals.

Admiral de Constantinople, Parrot, crimson with orange-tipped fringed petals; flower six inches across.

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Mrs. F. R. Harkins.

Cuyahoga Co., O., Mar. 9, 1900.

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SHADES OF RED.

Gertrude, bright waxy pink, truss large and compact; a fine show variety.

Gen. Pelissier, rich crimson scarlet, splendid spike, very early; beautiful.

Gigantea, light rose, large bells, extra large compact truss; very early.

SHADES OF WHITE.

Baroness von Thuyll, snow-white, elegant, compact truss, very graceful bells; superb for either pots or beds.

Voltaire, exquisite creamy white, large, handsome truss; very attractive.

Madam Vanderhoop, pure white, large bells, splendid truss; very fine.

SHADES OF BLUE.

Charles Dickens, beautiful blue shading to porcelain; large bells and grand truss.

Grand Maitre, immense truss of ultramarine bells, shaded porcelain; handsome.

King of the Blues, extra large bells of rich dark blue; huge, compact truss.

YELLOW.

Ida, pure bright yellow, surpassing all other yellow Hyacinths in color, form and truss. A magnificent truss.

25 cents will pay for the above Hyacinth Premium and PARK'S FLORAL MAGAZINE for a year. If already a subscriber send the name of a friend or flower-lover to whom you wish the MAGAZINE sent, and get the premium mailed to your own address.

These Choice Hyacinths were all imported from Holland this season, and though not large bulbs they are well matured, and can be depended upon for a fine display of flowers. The finest hardy sorts are represented, and all the distinct leading colors. They will bloom well either in pots in the house in winter, or bedded out for spring blooming. I offer these bulbs with confidence, feeling assured that they will please all who give them a trial. Unlike many Hyacinths offered these will increase in size and beauty for several years, whether potted or bedded. Full directions for management will accompany the bulbs.

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Chas. Dickens, the finest double dark blue Hyacinth; splendid large bells and extra large truss.

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GEO. W. PARK, Libonia, Franklin Co., Pa.

ORDER EARLY.—For the last two seasons I have been unable to supply all who wanted the Hyacinth Premium. I did not have enough bulbs to go 'round. I hope to have enough this season, but to be sure of your supply it would be well to order early.

ROEMER'S GIANT PRIZE PANSIES.

For many years Mr. Frederick Roemer, of Germany, has given the Pansy special attention, and has developed a race which, for size, variety and attractiveness cannot be surpassed. The plants are of thrifty, compact habit, and the flowers of enormous size, and exhibit wonderful colors and rich variegations. There are no finer Pansies in the world than Roemer's Giant Prize, and I offer a collection of 10 packets, embracing all shades and variegations, as a premium to anyone paying 25 cents for a year's subscription to the FLORAL MAGAZINE, as follows:

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Blue in variety, dark blue, dark violet, rich purple, and blue margined, etc.

Black in variety, coal black, black blue, jet black, dark violet, purplish black, etc.

Yellow in variety, rich pure yellow, golden yellow, yellow with eye, shaded, etc.

Striped and Flaked, all distinctly striped and flaked and splashed etc.

Blotched and Spotted, pure ground colors with peculiar and odd markings.

Shaded and Margined, margined and rayed in beautiful tints and shades.

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If you are already a subscriber you can have the MAGAZINE sent to any flower-loving friend. It will be appreciated. If you wish a grand bed of Pansies next spring—a bed rivaling the Tulips in show and beauty, sow the seeds during summer. Try it. You will be astonished and delighted with the result.

GEO. W. PARK, Libonia, Franklin Co., Pa.



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A ROSE SONNET.

One morning as I sat in pensive mood
Beside the breakfast-table quite alone,
The wind around the chimney made a moan.
Without the snow was falling. Solitude
Seemed shrined within. Anon the door within
The porch did softly open, and I heard
The muffled tread of feet, and laughing word,
And then appeared two tiny maids, to win
A smile; then sister stood within the door.
A package in her hand was lightly clasped;
When opened it disclosed to view a sweet
Red Rose, that softly breathed a fragrance o'er
The room within. Without the wintry blast
And driving snow; within a winter treat.

Erie Co., Pa.

Lillie Ripley.

THE NEW LARGE-FLOW-ERED SNAPDRAGONS.

THE new semi-dwarf, large-flowered Snapdragons are very desirable summer-blooming plants for either pots or beds. They grow a foot high, are of quite compact habit, and produce numerous spikes of large, showy, mostly fragrant flowers, of various rich colors, as well as striped and spotted. They are as handsome and attractive as *Calceolarias*, and if freely cut, so as to prevent seed-formation, will be produced freely throughout the season. It is only recently that the *Antirrhinums* or Snapdragons have received the attention they deserve. When well-grown these new varieties are exceedingly showy either in garden beds or window pots, and never fail to elicit unbounded praise. The engraving will give some idea of their growth and habit.



NEW LARGE-FLOWERED SNAPDRAGONS.

BEAUTIFUL SPINED CACTI.

WHEN wishing to start a collection of Cacti the amateur is fairly bewildered with descriptions often, and lays the catalogue down with no selections made—wishing for someone to advise. There are so many, and we want them all. Our Editor truly says that many of them have lovely spines, and this is especially true of *Echinocacti*, which tribe has the longest, most cruel-looking spines, with a few exceptions, but not half so much to be dreaded as the *Opuntias*. The former put themselves right before you and say "Look out for me," while *Opuntias* stab treacherously. Among my own *Echinocacti*, for beauty *E. Grusonii*, a fresh green plant with clear yellow spines, ranks first. A close rival is *E. ornatus mirbilli*,

peculiarly covered with white spots, spines amber. *E. Le Contei*, with shades of yellow ranging to ivory, and mingled with pink, is most beautiful. *E. cylindraceus* is completely covered with very long, interlacing spines. Mine are a lovely shade of pink, and when wet would captivate a Cactus hater. *E. Vanderayi* has fine crimson spines, very stout, as are those of most *Echinos*. These five make a lovely combination for color. They like plenty of sun the year around, soil principally sand, and little water—practically none in winter. *E. horizontalis* is

said to be difficult for amateur cultivation, and after repeated failures I keep it by giving not a drop of water all winter.

Mrs. H. A. Lowden.

New York, Aug. 13, 1900.

Park's Floral Magazine.

A MONTHLY. ENTIRELY FLORAL.

GEO. W. PARK, Editor and Publisher,
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TO CANADA.—The strict tariff and entrance laws of Canada make it difficult to supply our Canadian friends with premium plants and seeds, but there are no restrictions against the entrance of Bulbs, and these can be mailed with full assurance that the goods will arrive safely and satisfactorily. I am always pleased to send bulbs and tubers to my Canadian patrons, and solicit from them as many and as large orders as they feel disposed to favor me with. See bulb offers in this issue.

Amaryllis Treatment.—The *Amaryllis Johnsonii* and Hybrids should have a period of rest to bloom well. Give the plants a sunny place in autumn after the growth has been completed, and water sparingly. Later set in a cool but frost-proof room or cellar, and moisten the soil from time to time, just enough to keep the roots from shriveling up. Toward February bring the pots to the window and begin watering, and the buds will soon push through the ground. Now water freely till the flowers fade, and shift into a larger pot if the roots need more room, and continue watering till the growth is completed, when rest may again be given. By hurrying the process and resting the plants twice a year some growers succeed in getting two crops of bloom every year from well-developed bulbs.

Pruning Vines.—Hall's Honeysuckle should be pruned early in spring, only the dead or weak or superfluous branches being removed. Frequently there are parts injured by frost, and occasionally the entire top is destroyed. Under such conditions severe pruning is necessary. The Crimson Rambler Rose should be pruned just after the blooming season is past. Cut away all the older wood, with the faded clusters, and encourage the new growth, which will be the blooming wood next season.

Cactus.—The Knife-blade Cactus is a species of *Phyllocactus*. It needs repotting only when the roots are closely pot-bound, and the shifting may be done after the plant is through blooming.

AUTUMN-FLOWERING SHRUBS.

HYDRANGEA PANICULATA is one of the best autumn-flowering shrubs. It should be cut back liberally every spring, and will then bear an abundance of its large, white panicles of bloom. Six or eight plants grouped together, three or four feet apart in a circular bed, and bordered with a row of the red Spirea, Anthony Waterer, makes a fine appearance in autumn. A group of red, white, blue and variegated double *Altheas* makes a fine autumn display. The flowers are large and showy, very freely produced, and open in succession throughout the autumn months. For both spring and autumn flowers the double-flowered *Kerria Japonica* is very desirable. The flowers are very double, golden yellow, and freely produced. It is one of the latest-blooming of shrubs, the flowers often showing when the first snows of winter come. Planted close to a building or wall and trained against it the slender shoots will often attain the height of fifteen or twenty feet. At the North the tips of the branches are sometimes winter-killed, but the roots are hardy. As autumn-blooming shrubby vines the Trumpet and Hall's Honeysuckle and the various shrubby sorts of *Clematis* are desirable. Some of the *Roses* bloom in autumn, but not freely enough to make a showy display.

Collinsia verna.—One of the most beautiful of our native annuals is *Collinsia verna*, yet it is rarely seen under cultivation. The reason of this is because it does well only when the seeds are sown in the autumn, say September or early October, or about the time the farmer sows his autumn wheat. An autumn-sown bed of this grand annual in bloom would be a revelation to nearly all who read this note. A recent writer in the *English Gardener's Chronicle* truly writes, "Certainly, too much cannot be said in favor of *Collinsia verna*."

Climbing Dahlia.—In the Southern Mountains of Mexico there has been found a plant which might be termed a climbing Dahlia, though the botanist has named it *Hidalgoa Wercklei*. It grows ten feet high, and bears small, scarlet, Dahlia-like single flowers which are said to be very effective. It has not yet been introduced.

Boston Fern.—The Boston Fern is readily propagated from the runners which issue from every growing plant. Turfy loam and sand forms a good compost for its growth. This compost is also desirable for nearly all the Ferns, where woods earth cannot be obtained. Always see that the drainage is good.

ANEMONE CAROLINIANA.

A SOUTHERN friend sends the Editor a leaf, seed-pod and tuber (see sketch) of a little native plant which blooms there freely in the spring. Its name is *Anemone Caroliniana*. It is a fragile little plant, nine inches high, bearing purplish white flowers an inch or more in diameter, followed by the seed-cluster as shown at *e*. The flower stems issue from the ground, and each stem bears a solitary flower at its summit. Although



found in the Carolinas the plant is hardy as far north as Nebraska and Wisconsin and is often found in these northern states, and in sections from Georgia northward to them. The plants are easily conveyed and transplanted, as they spring from little tubers. The plant is well suited for shady parts of the rockery, though as yet rarely seen except in its native haunts.

Scales.—The scale pest often troubles Oleander, Orange, Abutilon, and other shrubby plants. It can be eradicated by rubbing or brushing the pest loose from the bark and leaves, and then sponging with kerosene emulsion to which has been added some quassia tea. After this sponge the plants with the material once a week for two or three weeks, until the eradication is thorough.

Jerusalem Cherry.—When this plant fails to set fruit give it a sunny place and avoid liberal supplies of water. The fruit is more abundant upon a plant somewhat root-bound and of moderate growth.

Cactus.—When a Cactus sends out long, whip-like sprouts, as some kinds do, avoid cutting or injuring them, as such additions are desirable, and make the plant more handsome and valuable.

EXHIBITING FLOWERS.

A WRITER in the *English Garden* deplores the appearance of the Sweet Peas at the recent Crystal Palace show, because the material draping the stages was of a bright red color. He said that

"Had no other color of drapery been available it would have been far better to have shown the flowers on bare deal stages; at least no active harm would then have been done. But as it was, if a wily and malicious enemy had wished to injure the show he could have scarcely designed a better means of so doing than was afforded by the juxtaposition of the red coverings. * * It was meant to be a show of Sweet Peas; it was, in fact, a show of red cloth muddled by some bunches of flowers."

Further the writer speaks of the ill-effect by contrast of show flowers against green baize, and suggests that the best tint possible for the room is a low-toned white, and let the staging have, every year, a coating of low-toned greenish gray, inconspicuous, and such as would not come into rivalry with the flowers.

Pests in the Soil.—To destroy pests which harbor in the soil of the garden spade the ground up late in autumn and incorporate with it some fresh-slaked lime. This method is especially useful at the North, as it admits the frost. By this means, too, the soil is pulverized and brought into fine condition for the growth of next season's crop.

Acalypha Sanderiana.—This plant is as easily grown as a *Geranium*, and may be treated in the same way. Do not let the plant become pot-bound, and avoid wetting the flowers. Give partial shade and an abundance of water while growing and blooming.

Carnations.—To have seedling Marguerite Carnations in bloom for Decoration Day in the Middle States the plants should be lifted and potted early in spring. The plants may be raised in the open ground the previous season from spring-sown seeds.

Tamarix.—The *Tamarix Africana* is a handsome ornamental shrub with fine, light green foliage and large clusters of delicate pink flowers in the spring. It is hardy when planted early in the season.

Asparagus Sprengeri.—This plant is propagated from seeds. It likes a rather tenacious soil, as garden loam, manure and sand in equal proportions, well mixed.

Oleander.—The Oleander has a tendency to lose its leaves when over-potted. It should not be shifted until the roots begin to crowd each other in the pot.

THE WIND'S WOOING.

Bright in the sunshine the Tulips are dancing,
Swift on their pinions the robins are glancing;
Softly the southwind comes wooing the flowers,
Lingering in rapture through sunshine and showers.

Shyly the Tulips resist his advances
Till on one question he stakes all his chances:
"Give me thy petals, my darling, my dearest,
I will be true, if 'tis change that thou fearest."
Vainly they seek to escape from his wooing,
Well do they know it will be their undoing.
Coyly they answer the too ardent lover,
"We will be yours when the white flakes shall cover."

Away went the wind with a laugh that was merry,
And shook all the bloom from the boughs of the Cherry;

"Now you are mine." Thus roughly he gloated,
As the white flakes from the boughs downward floated;

So they were caught, and his boisterous caresses
Soon had unloosed the gems from their tresses.
Then away o'er the fields this errant young rover
Sped on to woo the fields of red Clover.

Left all alone in their shame and their anguish,
Dying, forgotten, the bright Tulips languish.

Dame Durden.

Medina Co., Ohio, Aug. 20, 1900.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

Chrysanthemums, Chrysanthemums,
You brave and queenly flowers,
You dare to raise your beauteous heads
To grace this world of ours,
Right in the face of old Jack Frost,
Who seems to hesitate,
So lost in admiration, he
Forgets it is quite late.

Some nod their bright and golden heads
In dainty, witching grace,
And others pure and pale as snow,
No tremor can he trace;
And others blushing daintily
At Jack's persistent stare,
They do not seem to mind a bit,
They don't, I do declare.

And others dark and deeply glow
Like the hearts of sweet red Roses,
They seem to be in an atmosphere
Which right around them closes,
An atmosphere of purity,
Which shields them from a breath
Of old Jack Frost's cold, withering touch,
That mows down all to death.

Lillie Ripley.

Erie Co., Pa., Aug. 13, 1900.

NEATH WILD ASTERS.

'Neath wild Asters white as the snow
Lieth a friend of the long ago;
Fair was she as the buds of May,
That bloom and fade in one brief day.

'Neath wild Asters mild she sleeps,
Where trailing Myrtle softly creeps,
And the wild dove calleth to her mate
From out the ivy-mantled gate.

'Neath wild Asters white as the snow,
Sleep on fair one of the long ago;
Life's cares cannot disturb thy breast,
Under wild Asters, sweet thy rest.

Cochise Co., Arizona.

Ad H. Gibson.

TULIPS.

THE lady who dislikes Tulips, is surely the unfortunate victim of a prejudice. The gay colors are beautiful. The rich shades are those that belong to the sunset and the leaves in the autumn woods. Fragrance is a desirable quality, but it is not absolutely essential. We have five senses, not one only. Besides, many Tulips are deliciously fragrant, and the perfume is fresh and spring-like. The form of all is the very perfection of grace. The daintily poised cup on its slender stem, rising from its base of pointed green leaves, is not equaled in simple grace of outline by even the Lily itself. And not all Tulips are highly colored. There are exquisite pure white ones, double and single, tall and dwarf, early and late blooming. There are white varieties with featherings of pink and lilac and delicate rims of pale colors. There are soft, cool yellows and waxy creams and pale lilacs. Indeed, scarcely a flower in the long list of beauties gives so many varieties of color and blendings of color. I can think of nothing lovelier than a properly arranged bed of Tulips nodding in the spring sunshine, and, excepting the beautiful Narcissus, there is no bulb that, to my way of thinking, is at all comparable with the Tulip. I am not surprised that the old Holland bulb growers once went Tulip mad, and people paid fortunes for one fine bulb.

The bulbs are cheaper than Hyacinths, and they never "run out." Years of neglect cannot ruin them. Year after year the bulbs increase and the clumps grow larger. In the spring the flowers come early, more and more each season. No protection is necessary except in very cold climates. In pots Tulips are lovely. In my window white ones and red ones are blooming. They are dainty and waxy, and I admire them much more than I do the stiff spikes of Hyacinths.

Buy Tulips—the little early ones that come with the Crocuses and the tall ones that meet the Roses. They are beautiful, cheerful and altogether desirable. I positively felt a real, personal hurt when I read the words of the lady who "detests" Tulips. I love them.

Ellen F. Wyckoff.

Iredell Co., N. C., Mar. 4, 1900.

Otaheite Orange.—My Otaheite Orange bloomed freely, but set only one orange, a very large one, measuring nearly seven inches in circumference. It is very pretty, and to all my friends' entreaties to pluck it I turn a deaf ear. Mine never has flowers and fruit at the same time, notwithstanding the many assurances of the catalogues.

Mrs. L. W. Baldwin.

Kent Co., Del.

ROMAN HYACINTHS.

LET me urge all the readers of PARK'S FLORAL MAGAZINE to expend a few cents at least, and as much more as you can afford, for winter-blooming bulbs. One cannot depend on Geraniums and other plants for winter-blooming, but certain of the bulbs are sure, even in the hands of the most inexperienced. There is no bulb more popular for winter-blooming than the Roman Hyacinths. Millions of them are grown by florists for cut flowers each year. But they are the bulbs for the amateur florist as well as the professional. No one need hesitate to purchase these bulbs, as they grow equally well in soil or water. I have grown them both ways very successfully. They are certain to bloom, each bulb sending up from three to five spikes of bloom at different periods, thus prolonging the blooming season. The flowers are dainty, graceful, and delightfully fragrant. Ethelyn.

Middlesex Co., Mass.

Bulbs for the Window.—This is the month to lay in a store of brightness for dark winter days. Flower lovers who cannot keep out the frost should plant bulbs. They do best in a cool place. Too much warmth blights the buds. Plant in well drained soil, with a little sand next to the bulb. Put in a dark place until they show by their buds that they must come out to the light. Hyacinths give best returns in the window of all the hardy bulbs. Tulip blossoms do not last long. Narcissus need a great deal of water and are easily blasted by the heat. Of these the Paper White and Polyanthus are sure to bloom. Crocuses do well if the air is moist so the brown sheath does not get hard. A judicious cut with a sharp knife will sometimes help the bud out even when this happens. Protect from rats and mice while they are in the cellar forming roots. The White Roman Hyacinth and the Paper White Narcissus make dainty gifts by Christmas if planted now. Dame Durden.

Medina Co., O., Aug. 20, 1900.

Scilla Siberica.—This is one of the earliest flowers to bloom in the spring, and often blooms before the snows of winter are entirely gone. Its graceful blue flowers usually appear a little before the Crocus, with which they form a pleasing contrast. It is entirely hardy, and should be planted out in autumn, not later than November, covering three or four inches deep. They are much prettier planted in clumps or small beds than when planted singly. They are natives of Siberia.

W. C. Mollett.

Martin Co., Ky., Aug. 27, 1900.

THE GLADIOLUS.

HERE is no need to describe this superb flower. Its flaming spikes in every conceivable glowing combination of pink, vermillion, scarlet and yellow make gorgeous our flower gardens and glorious our vases. Our girls even learn to stem the individual bloom and wear at their belt. But because the Gladiolus is at once so beautiful and so valuable, it is worth while to call attention to the management of these summer bulbs so as to prolong their season of blooming. First, there ought to be a goodly supply of the bulbs. They cost so little now by the hundred that most of us can afford to purchase liberally, and the Gladiolus is pre-eminently one of those flowers that look best grown in clumps or masses. Divide the bulbs into several lots. Plant one lot quite early, the next one ten days later, and so on until the first of June. Here in the hot Southwest I find it an admirable plan to plant Gladiolus in various situations—a northern exposure, by an east wall, facing the southwest, etc. By this means the normal time of bloom is more than doubled, as they develop with different degrees of rapidity. Besides this the Bride Gladiolus, Colvilli, etc., bloom a month or more before the ordinary Gandavensis varieties commence to open, and the Lemoines are half way between. Three to three and a half months' display of Gladiolus is well worth working for, and quite possible to secure by using all of the family and planting at intervals. In the northern States I should not think it advisable to plant the bulbs in any but the most sunny locations. Accommodating as the Gladiolus is, it yet possesses tropical blood, and sun and heat are first nature to it. Lora S. LaMance.

McDonald Co., Mo.

[NOTE.—Gladiolus bulbs may be planted in Pennsylvania as late as July 1st for late blooming, provided the bulbs are of good size and well preserved. They should be set five or six inches deep, and if the bed is mulched with stable litter the development will be all the better. Thus planted the late autumn-blooming spikes of Gladiolus will often surpass in size, richness and durability those of earlier growth.—Ed.]

Rudbeckia Golden Glow.—All flower-lovers should have this magnificent hardy perennial in their collection. It is a rank grower, free bloomer, and stands drouth well. The blooms are finely formed, very double, and bright yellow in color. A fine substitute for yellow Dahlias, and requires but little care, therefore just the plant for those who have little time to care for flowers. It is a floral treat. Do not miss it. L. Slotter.

Washington Co., O., July 20, 1900.

MY VINES AND TREES.

I HAVE vines at every window and I find nothing better for these to run on than common poultry netting two feet wide. A Gold-leaved Honeysuckle has one. At another is a red Coral Honeysuckle. *Bignonia radicans* spreads itself royally at another. Hall's Honeysuckle has gained the eaves at another, and is now sweet with its lovely bloom. Clematis, the common Virgin's Bower, adorns the others. I think this vine is not fully appreciated, as one so seldom sees it in country dooryards. No insects infest any of the above named vines; they are all lovely. I have some new vines, just beginning to run, of the Japanese Grape; the leaves are mottled with cream color in a fashion common to others from this source.

In equal favor with the vines I must rank my flowering trees. Early in May the *Cercis Japonica* opens its purplish, pea-shaped flowers. They are beloved of the bees, whose coming each spring I eagerly await, and whose active, joyous life is one of my spring pleasures. As the bloom fades the heart-shaped leaves begin to peep forth, and the tree is soon clothed in full foliage. It is easily raised from seeds, and is such a beautiful addition to a lawn that I wonder at its rarity. Towering over all the rest is my Gum tree, with odd, cork-like bark, interesting for unique picture framing. The glossy, star-shaped leaves are handsome, and they turn to a purple richness in the autumn, and "hang on" long after the Maple leaves rustle in the paths, and the Mulberries and Chestnuts are denuded. It always evokes from visitors swift comment and admiration.

Lydia W. Baldwin.

Kent Co., Del., June 11, 1900.

[NOTE.—The plant referred to as Japanese Grape is probably *Cissus heterophylla*, a near relative of the beautiful *Cissus discolor* of the greenhouses. This species, however, is entirely hardy, and a desirable plant for a wall or summer house. It likes a warm, sunny situation.—Ed.]

At Wilmington, S. C.—Here the Sweet Olives make immense shrubs—small trees, indeed, covered in fall and winter with sweet white flowers. These, with Cape Jessamines, Camellias, Confederate Jessamines and Hibiscus, are hardy down here by the sea. What a paradise of beauty the old city is. We are farther from the gulf stream and nearer to the mountains, where the winters are longer and colder, but we have Violets blooming out-doors all the winter, Roman Hyacinths blooming in unprotected beds in January, and Roses in the garden at Thanksgiving and even later.

E. F. W.

Statesville, N. C.

EVERBLOOMING ROSES.

SMALL plants of the everblooming varieties of Roses will bloom freely the first summer when planted out early in the spring. The everblooming Roses are hardly ever without flowers from May till October, and are usually the most satisfactory varieties for general planting. They do not have as large or as fragrant flowers as the Hybrid Perpetuals, but the blooming season is much longer, and they bloom sooner after planting. Roses require a very rich soil, which should be dug up very loose for a depth of two feet, and a liberal quantity of well-rotted manure should be thoroughly mixed with the soil. Never plant Roses where they will be shaded by trees or shrubs, as they will not bloom well in such a situation. The soil around the plants must be kept loose and free from weeds to secure the best results. Most varieties of everblooming Roses are moderately hardy, and will usually survive the winter when well established. In cold climates they must be protected by being covered with leaves, litter or branches of evergreen trees during winter.

W. C. Mollett.

Martin Co., Ky., Aug. 25, 1900.

[NOTE.—A very good protection for everblooming Roses where the climate is severe is a covering of coal ashes. Do not apply until December, after the frosts have denuded the plants of most of their foliage, and do not uncover in the spring until danger from severe frosts is past. By the use of straw, manure and such material the plants are liable to injury from the attack of a fungus, or are said to smother. With the covering of ashes the plants are free from this trouble.—Ed.]

Plants for the North Side of a House.—During these hot, dusty August days, when every sort of plant is withered and droopy-looking in the sun, I have taken great pleasure with the two small beds of flowers on the north side of the house. They are protected on the west and northwest with evergreens, but get the morning sun and also plenty of air. One bed next the wall of the house is planted just against the underpinning with Spotted Callas, next with *Impatiens Sultana*, the outer row being *Tradescantia zebrina*, which droops over small, grayish-white stones, used to hold the soil in place. The other bed, a few feet from the house, is a circular bed in the center of which is a Japanese Grape vine with variegated green and white three-lobed leaves and pinkish leaf stalks and tendrils, pink *Geraniums* next that, and an ending of Sweet Alyssum. I water the beds about twice a week so they keep fresh, and they do look so cool and comfortable these hot days.

Aunt Hope.

Wayne Co., Pa., Aug. 14, 1900.

NICOTIANA SYLVESTRIS.

NICOTIANA SYLVESTRIS is a new species of the Tobacco family recently introduced, and highly recommended by foreign florists for its beauty and fragrance. The plants grow from two to three feet high, and bear long-tubed white flowers in large clusters, as shown in the accompanying sketch. The plants are easily started from seeds, come into bloom early, and bloom for a long time. If this new Nicotiana is as valuable as *N. affinis* it will prove a welcome addition to our list of garden and pot flowers.

Old Seeds.—

Ten years ago I saved some seeds from a bed of choice Geraniums, and gave my sister a package of them, which I did up in a sealed envelope. Last winter my sister moved, and some small boxes she did not have time to overhaul were given to me, in one of which I found the sealed package of Geranium seeds I had put up ten years ago. A neighbor begged me to let her have them, which I did, telling her at the same time I had no idea they would grow, though they looked plump and sound. She sowed them carefully in a pot, which she set in the hot-bed, and was rewarded for her care by about twenty-five little plants, some of which are now budded, ready to bloom. Can anyone give a better report?

Hettie K. Truman.

Nance Co., Neb., Aug. 30, 1900.

Remedy for Moles.—Dig into the run-way and put in a quantity of broken glass. When the moles run against the glass it cuts their noses, and they leave. I was formerly much troubled with moles, but since using this remedy, seven years ago, I have not been annoyed with them.

Mrs. B. A. Beneker.

Kent Co., Mich.

THE JAMES VICK POMEGRANATE.

THIS summer I have been favored with somewhat of a curiosity in the plant line, as I did not suppose the James Vick Pomegranate was a fruiting variety. Two years ago, during the latter part of summer, I received a Pomegranate plant in one of Mr. Park's premium collections. It grew finely, and last year had one flower. This year it is a fine, bushy plant in an eight-inch pot, and had a number of blossoms in June. The calyx of one

stayed on and proceeded to grow. It turned from scarlet to green, and then slowly to a dull red. It now measures four inches around, and is still growing. I would like to know if this plant usually bears fruit. It is a very ornamental plant, with its fine green leaves and brilliant buds and flowers, and is greatly admired by everyone, as it is a novelty about here.

M. B. Appley.
Wind. Co., Ct.
Aug. 10, 1900.

Akebia quinata.—I have a piazza vine, *Akebia quinata*, set out a dozen years ago, which has grown, interlacing its slender, flexible shoots until it covers the entire

frontage, making a delightfully cool retreat for these warm days, and affording just the shelter for tender Begonias and Palms. The flowers are chocolate in color.

Lydia Baldwin.

Kent Co., Del., June 11 1900.

Nasturtiums in Winter.—Just before frost I break off branches that are blooming and put in a glass pitcher that is half full of charcoal, fill up with rain water, and place in a sunny window. This will make a window bright all winter. Keep the pitcher filled up as the water evaporates.

Mrs. B. Nebel.

DeWitt Co., Ill.



NICOTIANA SYLVESTRIS.

SOME CAMPANULAS.

IN the old-fashioned garden of my dear old mother there were always clumps of white and blue Canterbury Bells. To this day I would rather catch a whiff of their homely fragrance than of the sweetest-scented Tuberoses or Heliotrope, for it seems so good and true and home-like. Now-a-days we rarely see this good old flower. Strange, because it is not hard to grow, and because the new improved "Cup and Saucer" varieties, in which the calyx (the "Saucer") becomes expanded and colored the same as the petals, are really very handsome. Everyone quickly notices a plant in bloom, and for cut flower work they have no superior. I never saw a more beautiful flower for funeral wreaths and crosses than the snow-white Canterbury Bell. They are so pure, so graceful, so restful that they might rather be flowers of Heaven than of earth. The white-flowered Canterbury Bells are the cream of the lot, though the blue, lilac and rose-colored ones are attractive also. Here in the Southwest they thrive best when given afternoon shade, the hot sun being their worst enemy. All the Canterbury Bells are biennials.

Not as grandly beautiful as Cup-and-Saucer Campanula, yet decidedly pretty are the perennial Campanulas or Bell-flowers, and being perennials, they have the advantage of taking care of themselves indefinitely when once started. Not far from the Manitoba line, where the cold last winter registered 51° below zero, I saw this summer fine large clumps of this, literally a solid mass of blue flowers. They had not been protected in the least, nor cultivated beyond the first starting in good ground half a dozen years before. Here is a hint for those who want iron-clad plants that will take care of themselves.

Lora S. LaMance.

McDonald Co., Mo.

[NOTE.—A very popular pot plant in Paris is the Campanula pyramidalis in white and blue colors. The plants are well-grown by florists, and offered for sale in the markets. They are easily raised from seeds, and bedded out are perfectly hardy. It seems strange they are not grown both as garden and pot plants in this country.—ED.]

Hardy Hybrid Hibiscus.—Try some of these grand perennials, and you will never be without them. They grow and bloom the first year from seeds. Established plants are completely clothed with great blooms six or seven inches over. In color they range through all the shades of white and red. Fine as companion plants for Hollyhocks and Rudbeckia.

L. Slotter.

Washington Co., Ohio, July 20, 1900.

ESCHSCHOLTZIA.

THE Eschscholtzia (named for one of the discoverers, Eschscholtz, the name easier pronounced than written) or California Poppy is one of the most brilliant flowers of the garden. It is a self-sowing annual, native of California, and once planted need be given no more attention, save to thin out the plants and destroy the weeds. After the first season the plants will be in blossom from the latter part of May until frost. The leaves are finely divided, of pale green color, and the flowers are borne on long stems, remarkable for the curious expansion and broad rim at the base of the flower, upon which the cone-shaped calyx rests. This is forced off entire by the opening of the petals, which are a bright orange-yellow. The blossom in perfection is from an inch and a half to two inches in diameter. There are other varieties, of different colors, such as red and white, but the yellow variety is the handsomest. The seeds should be sown where the plants are to bloom, as they do not bear transplanting.

Lasalle Co., Ill., June 25, 1900.

X.

Saponaria ocymoides.—Two years ago the Editor kindly sent me a packet of Saponaria. I raised a few plants. Some I gave away, and planted some in a bed on the north side of the house. They grew and bloomed nicely last year. This year they are grand—just a mass of those pink blossoms throwing out the lovely sprays and trailing over the edge of the bed in the most dainty, airy way. Everyone stops to admire it and ask me where I got it. The plants remain in bloom a long time. I shall have my whole bed edged with them another year. What would be more lovely to carpet graves with? It is truly a "must have." It will grow if the soil is not so rich. I had my bed filled with soil from an old coal bottom, thinking it would be very rich. Nothing would grow in it but this dainty flower. I have had it filled in with barnyard manure this year, and hope for better results.

Ellen M.

Litchfield Co., Conn., Aug. 9, 1900.

Soap Suds for Asters.—I have very good success with Asters. I put the soap suds after the weekly washings around the roots, which protects them from insects at the roots.

M. E. P.

Belmont Co., Ohio, July 18, 1900.

Lobelias in Winter.—Lobelias are desirable for vases, pots and baskets in the window in winter. For this purpose the seeds should be sown in mid-summer.

A Subscriber.

New York City, N. Y., July 5, 1900.

COSMOS.

Cosmos flowers, brightening hours,
Of the autumn-tide,
Opening brightly, swaying lightly,
Welcome far and wide.

When the summer blossoms die,
When the songbirds southward fly,
Autumn hours bring your flowers,
Cheering darksome days.

Full of gladness, free from sadness,
Blithely now they swing,
Autumn's treasure, a full measure
Of wholesome joy they bring.

Through the hushed and mellow haze
Of the Indian summer days,
Then you tarry light and airy,
Scattering brightness 'round.

Hattie Heartsease.

Rosewood, Ohio, Aug. 13, 1900.

MY GRANDMOTHER'S GARDEN.

MY grandmother's garden was noted the country over for its many beautiful hardy flowers, and visitors seldom left without begging Aunt Polly for a few roots of her sweet Lemon Lily or Crimson Pæony. A broad, straight walk divided the garden into equal portions, and two other walks ran at right angles with this main one either way along the palings. One was set with herbs. There were Catnip, Horseradish, Rhubarb, Thyme, Sage, Tansy, Mint, and many others. On the other walk Raspberries were trained over the palings, and a row of Currant bushes on the side next the garden. But on either side of the main walk were the beauties. There were bunches of Perennial Phlox, a pinkish-purple and a pure white. She had several colors of Tulips, also dark and pale blue Hyacinths that bloomed in great bunches, like the Roman Hyacinths do. The sweet white June Lily (*Candidum*) was her dearest possession, and the nodding Tiger Lilies came next. There was a great bed of Lavender from which mother cut to pack in her clothes presses. The dear little Johnny-jump-ups were green all winter, and bloomed, too, if there came a warm, sunshiny week, as often does. A great clump of Lemon Lilies had hundreds of flowers on it every year, while a crimson Pæony bloomed not far away, making a violent contrast. Single Hollyhocks, all colors of the rainbow, made a big display. Tying up the bees in them with grass was great sport for us children. There were Four-o'clocks, too, and we picked the pretty blossoms for dolls. Grandmother had two colors of Columbine, a dark blue one and a pink one, both very double. There were hardy Centaureas, and Poppies, Larkspurs and Marigolds seeded themselves far around, and came up quite independent-like. The yellow and white

Chrysanthemums grew in bunches. They were always covered with fine tops when the first frosts came, and so remained until a hard freeze, sometimes as late as the 15th of November. The hardy pinkish-purple Verbenas bloomed year after year, and do yet. It is invincible. She had two colors of Dahlias, one purple and one red. It seems to me they must have been harder than our varieties now, for they were left in the ground year after year, though at last they were frozen by neglecting to pull the soil back up over them where one hoeing had pulled it away. Near the gate, in dense shade, was a queer plant. It had a long purple stem and a black calla-like bloom. The great leaves came up from the ground after the bloom. It was very curious, but it had a most disagreeable smell. Grandmother called it Snake Plant, and so we children were very much afraid of it. At the far end of this walk was the Strawberry bed. Ah, the joy, the delight of that Strawberry bed! They were not big berries like we have now, but they were delicious, and the children flocked to it from all over the neighborhood like birds. M. M. Tate.

McDowell Co., N. C., May 5, 1900.

[NOTE.—By its description the "queer plant" answers to *Amorphophallus rivieri*, though its hardness would indicate a species of *Arum*. Several years ago the Editor saw, early in spring, several turkey buzzards sitting on a tree near his greenhouses and one hovering above them, and wondered what had attracted them. Going into one of the houses he found an immense flower of *Amorphophallus* in full bloom, and the air was dense with its carrion-like odor. The plant is tuberous, easily grown, has beautiful foliage, and large, showy flowers, but its odor is disgusting and unwholesome. The attraction of the buzzards was no longer a question.—ED.]

Yuccas from Seeds.—Yuccas are easily grown from seeds, and as an experiment I advise all to plant some seeds of *Y. filamentosa* in spring, planting early, in a shallow box in the hotbed or window. They germinate readily, and can be transplanted when large enough into small pots; this is not because they need coddling, but so that when the pots are well filled with roots the plants can be bedded out without the loss of a minute's growth. An occasional plant will bloom in two years, but most of them require three years' growth. A quantity of such plants give a tropical effect to the garden, especially during the blooming season, and the full beauty of Yuccas is never shown except by massing them. They make a beautiful display when planted among evergreen shrubs and low-growing trees, the tall flower stalks loaded with their wealth of creamy, bell-shaped flowers contrasting finely with the dark, somber foliage of the evergreens.

Marian Meade.

Winnebago Co., Ill., Apr. 20, 1900.

MAIDENHAIR FERN.

I HAVE wonderful success with this fern, and I want to tell the readers of the FLORAL MAGAZINE about it so it will be more extensively cultivated. It grows in our pasture, so last spring as it was just starting out of the ground, I dug up a clump of roots. Sometimes they grow on a bed of rocks. I choose such a place and dig down and underneath one side of the fern, so that I can get a good hold with my finger and pull gently and the fern-roots, soil and all, lift right from the rocks. At the same time that I dig my Ferns I get some of the soil where the



MAIDENHAIR FERN.

plants are growing. Then I take a pan, half fill with small stones, sprinkle the soil into the crevices between the stones, and then place my fern-roots on top of the stones and sprinkle occasionally, just so the soil is moist. My Ferns grow and are green and beautiful all summer. I have never tried to keep any of the roots over winter in the cellar, but last fall I set my pan underneath the piazza, and they winter killed. Mrs. F. E. G.

Grafton Co., N. H., Aug. 14, 1900.

[NOTE.—It may be possible that the roots dried out and died. The native Maidenhair Ferns are not easily winter-killed.—Ed.]

Mammillaria Wildiana.—With its spines like tiny golden fishhooks and neat habit of growth, this is a very attractive little Mammillaria. The flower is tiny also, but incessantly produced, so much so that it seems as though the little plant said "Do like me; I do my best for you." As we usually like anyone or anything which does its best for us, so little Wildiana is one of my pets. Mrs. H. A. Lowden.

Queens Co., N. Y., July 12, 1900.

Rudbeckia.—I think the Rudbeckia Golden Glow is one of the finest plants of recent introduction. Mine has hundreds of blossoms and requires so little care.

Miss Ida Leutwiler.

Madison Co., Ill., July 15, 1900.

FOLIAGE PLANTS.

DURING the time when blooming plants are resting it is a good plan to have a few good foliage plants. In a group of piazza plants they add a certain dignity, just as vines add grace. In the yard they are fine for tropical effects. A few fine plants of Coleus, if the variegations are pretty, as white and green, or yellow and green, or garnet and rose, are as handsome as the Begonias that are so hard to surpass. Spotted Callas, even out of bloom, are lovely, and well worth growing for the leaves. All these are more showy and robust than the fancy-leaved Geraniums, which are exquisitely pretty when well grown. The hardier plants that do well in the open air are indispensable. Of these, the Sword Fern is very fine. The Boston Fern is like it, but the leaves droop gracefully, and it is better with a stand of its own. Palms grow slowly from seeds, but one can easily afford to wait for them. Date seeds come up very well. If one has a pineapple for tea it is a good plan to cut off the end and set it in a pot of rich soil, with a layer of sand under the "cutting." It will root readily, and if kept rather dry will make a handsome plant with a sort of Cactus look about it. Asparagus is lovely, and hardy, and gives a beautiful finish to a group of plants. In the yard the cheapest and best foliage plant is the good old Palma Christa. There are several sorts, and a paper of seeds planted when one plants corn will give many varieties. For a far away corner or a thick screen try Palma Christa and Sunflowers. In a corner of the yard they are fine behind Caladiums or Cannas, and Cannas come nicely from seeds. Euphorbia is an annual with pretty pale green and white foliage. It is sometimes called Snow on the Mountain, and is two feet tall.

Iredell Co., N. C.

E. F. W.

[NOTE.—One of the most beautiful and easily-grown of foliage pot plants is Abutilon Savitzi. It can be trained in tree form, dense and bushy, and when thus grown is exceedingly attractive. The brighter-leaved varieties of Coleus also make fine decorative plants, every leaf almost as showy as a large flower. Acalypha Macaefana is a shrub of easy culture which has handsomely variegated foliage not unlike autumn leaves. As hardy foliage vines for a wall or trellis Euonymus radicans variegata and the Gold-veined Honeysuckle are both valuable. The former has leaves bordered with white, and is evergreen; the latter has golden foliage, and is showy and beautiful for nine months of the year.—Ed.]

Quassia Root.—I have found that Quassia root put in a pot around the roots of a plant will rid it of all insects. They do not like the bitter taste.

Mrs. S. H. St. John.

New York City, June 7, 1900.

KANSAS WILD FLOWERS.

WE have some beautiful wild flowers in Kansas. A splendid trailing plant is called Buffalo Moss, though it has no resemblance to Moss, but has hundreds of lovely crimson flowers. It grows in low places, but does well in almost any situation. Another very fine flower is the wild Sensitive Rose, which is much like the Sensitive Plant. It wilts when handled, but revives afterwards. It is as beautiful and fragrant as any flower to be found, and is considered by many the prettiest flower on the prairies of western Kansas. A Buffalo Pea grows here that is quite beautiful in bloom. The clusters of purplish balls that form later on look good enough to eat, and some claim they are good to pickle. The wild or native grasses that beautifully carpeted every foot of this country thirty-five years ago are fast disappearing; they go as civilization comes. Wild Daisies of several colors grow in great beds, and bloom just above the grass. But of all that grows, or that Kansas produces, the Prickly Pear Cactus takes the lead. These form great beds, almost acres, in places, and their bloom, though short-lived, is beautiful beyond description. It is amusing to see how newcomers admire and try to cultivate this Cactus, until, after a while, it takes possession, then there is a fight to get rid of "that hateful Cactus." Another lovely little flame-colored flower that comes as soon as grass grows in the spring, is called wild Geranium. It has gray-green foliage, the leaves like those of Rose Geranium, and is fine for wreaths. It is very useful for Decoration Day, as the settler here hasn't many flowers.

Flower Crank.

Norton, Kansas, May 14, 1900.

Narcissus in Water.—After the Chinese Lilies had all faded I had a quantity of Narcissus bulbs dug up from the out-door beds. There were several varieties, and they were just beginning to sprout. The glass dish, a large half-gallon one in which the Lilies had grown, was filled with stones and water, and the bulbs, nicely washed and carefully separated, were tucked in. There is no sense in putting Chinese Lilies in the dark, so I set the dish in the sunshine. Yesterday I counted twenty buds on these bulbs. The leaves are, of course, not so pretty as the Lily leaves, but in a day or so, and before the tips of green are quite in sight out in the beds, I shall have a dish of yellow and white beauties for my window. There are double ones, the pretty gardenia-flowered, single Jonquills, and I am not sure what others, hurrying along with their toes in the water.

E. F. W.

Iredell Co., N. C., Mar. 4, 1900.

BARE COUNTRY PLACES.

IT is always a source of great wonder to me why people who have nice country places have so little taste for beauty. I know of some lawns that are not graced by a single flower bed, and are even destitute of Rose bushes or shrubbery. Of course I make plans as to what I should do if I possessed the place. I should plant perennials and plenty of them. I would hide the unsightly places with trellises of vines, cover the old fences with Morning Glories and Cypress, then prepare a rich bed and plant out Cannas and Coleus, which give such good satisfaction for the time and labor invested. Of all the bedding plants to my mind nothing gives such good satisfaction as the Canna. Even the old stand-by, Geranium, sinks into insignificance beside its new rival. For the last few years my Canna beds have been the center of attraction for all the flower-loving inhabitants of the country around.

With but little trouble and time any desolate spot can be made a thing of beauty. If I had my way even the country fence corners would be aflame with flowers. In fact, there are many places where I have sown seeds along the roadside and by pasture paths, and I am oftentimes rewarded by seeing a clump of Larkspur, Poppies, Petunias, Hollyhocks or Calliopsis growing as contentedly as if in some flower bed carefully cultivated. My motto is "Flowers are better than weeds".

R. M. C.

Parke Co., Ind., May 26, 1900.

Hardiness of Bulbs.—I find that the different varieties of Montbretia, Lemnoid Gladiolus, Polyantha Narcissus and Roman Hyacinths are hardy here in southern Ohio without any protection whatever. Of course, if grown farther north they would need protection. The Gladiolus and Montbretias multiply very fast, so that from a few bulbs one can soon have quite a bed. The Roman Hyacinths and Polyantha Narcissus are slow to multiply here, but if grown farther south no doubt they would multiply more rapidly.

L. Slotter.

Washington Co., O., July 20, 1900.

[NOTE.—Both Roman Hyacinths and Polyanthus Narcissus are hardy in Pennsylvania when planted during the latter part of November.—Ed.]

Cosmos.—The foliage of Cosmos is the prettiest thing I know to mix with all kinds of flowers in a bouquet. I have no trouble whatever to have flowers in July by keeping the plants in quart cans, sink into a bed, and as soon as buds appear slip out of the can into the bed, and set a little deeper to stand well.

Tillie Tillman.

Isanti Co., Minn., Aug. 6, 1900.

MY WINTER PETS.

Oxalis variabilis, white, pink and lavender.

Oft I wonder where they found them,
If on hill or barren plains,
Or what mysteries surround them
In the clime where *Flora* reigns;
And has strewn with lavish hand,
Forms so prized in every land.

Well I know they bloom in places
Where the genial sunlight shines;
Since they strive to hide their faces
When the god of day declines;
And my precious beauties sleep
While the stars soft vigils keep.

Purest gold from Ophir's mountains—
Callas from the sacred Nile,
Lilies found by Natal's fountains,
Never can this heart beguile,
Like these pets of modest form,
That defy the wind and storm.

With the stately blue *Plumbago*,
And the gems from *Africa's* Cape,
Someone brought to *San Diego*
These rare flowers of comely shape.
Now in homes of other lands
They are trained by jeweled hands.

In the realm where oft in battle
England's sons and Boers meet,
And like bands of frenzied cattle
Tread the dying 'neath their feet,
Reigns a queen we all must own,
Sitting on her flowery throne.

But of all the forms so glorious,
None are half so dear to me
As the pets that reign victorious
O'er fair homes about the bay,
Where *Cabrillo* long ago
Saw our golden *Poppies* glow.

L. M. Ford.

Jan. 22, 1900, on my 76th birthday.
Santa Clara Co., Cal.

A EUROPEAN TRIP.

LETTER NO. 36.

The ride to Lake Lomond was delightful. We passed along a shady woodland road by a narrow arm of the lake which finally merged into a crystal stream that gurgled and rippled among the stones as it hurried on to the sea. Passing on we left the woods and went through pasture lands broken by huge, gray, lichen-covered rocks, and adorned by gay patches of blooming heather, all the time keeping near to the bright little stream. At one place were mounds of peat which were made of square blocks cut out of the peat-beds near the stream. No houses were in view, and the country appeared bleak and bare, except for the native grasses and Heathers which clothed the surface. The peat-bricks were evidently prepared for fuel, and were piled up to dry before hauling. We now come to a hill down which the water rushes in a torrent, and has worn for itself a deep ravine. Along its margin are grand beds of native Ferns, which hang gracefully over the dashing water and almost hide it from view. Along the steep sides are dwarf but richly verdant trees, while the higher, unprotected ground is wreathed with masses of glorious *aeather*. Can you imagine a more poetic scene? Down, down, down, we come, till at last, leaving the stream, we reach a house and station, and the beautiful blue lake below bursts upon our view. But listen! Is not that the roar of water which falls so pleasantly upon the ear? We pass by a wooded road to a little bridge not far distant, and behold! The clear, cheerful stream which we had learned to love by our association during the journey seemed to gather force, and in a mighty torrent was dashing down over big rocks, showing in their sides the effect of ancient glacier mills. The water was dashed into white foam by the big fall, and thus its volume, churned into air bubbles, was emptied into the

cold, dark, smooth lake. The scene was enchanting. I looked and looked and listened and listened. The steamer lay below at the little pier, and as the time for departure drew near I turned regretfully away.

"Ah, long would I have stayed to dream
By the joyous crystal stream."

but I must away. I often recall the scene, and fond memory as often brings me to the little bridge where I see and hear the foaming waters, and cast my eye over the beautiful surface of the glassy blue lake, nestled among the grizzly highlands of old Scotland.

Our ride down Lake Lomond was, in many respects a repetition of that upon the lake described in a previous letter. Rocks, trees, Heather, lichens, ravines, bleak, brown hills, etc., etc., with rain and sunshine alternating so quickly that you had to keep your umbrella continually hoisted. Toward the South, however, the climate appeared milder and the weather more settled, and the landscape was beautified by handsome green forests. We are now at the railway station, where the Lake narrows into a large creek or river, and here we go ashore and board the train bound for Glasgow. Soon the train is ready to move, and we are hurried over the Scotch landscape toward the great Scotch ship-building city. The first big town reached was Alexandria. I shall not soon forget this place. The buildings seemed so antiquated in style, and were mostly built of large stones or bricks of a peculiar red color. It looked as though they had "painted the town red." In a little while we rolled into the big depot at Glasgow, and were soon comfortably fixed for the night in one of the spacious hotels of that old city.

Geo. W. Park.

BRIEF ANSWERS.

Flowering Caladium.—A subscriber asks about the treatment of the so-called Flowering Caladium. To what plant does the enquirer refer? One writes that it is a fibrous-rooted plant with leaves much like *Sagittaria*. Kindly give the botanical name, and the desired information will be given.

Umbrella Plant.—The Umbrella Plant, *Cyperus alternifolius*, should be given a rather tenacious soil, but it should be well-drained. The plant likes an abundance of water at the roots, but does better if allowed to become partially dry occasionally. Drainage should not, therefore, be neglected. During the resting period it should be kept comparatively dry.

Geraniums.—When the pots containing Geraniums are exposed to the hot sun the roots are liable to injury, and the leaves will often change color, turn brown and drop off. The soil should be kept cool and moist to satisfactorily develop the growth and bloom of Geraniums.

Cannas.—Cannas like a warm, sunny place, and an abundance of water about the roots while growing. When the conditions are unfavorable the plants appear stunted and develop new shoots rather than perfect those already started.

Chinese Hibiscus.—The Chinese Hibiscus is not hardy at the North, and must be wintered in a frost-proof room or cellar. It does well in summer bedded out in a partially shaded place, and kept well watered.

The Reason.—One who has been reading Park's Floral Magazine for twenty-five years is puzzled to know why Frank. Co. is printed upon the title page, while on other pages it is Franklin Co. The reason is simply that the name is abbreviated on the title page because of limited space.

Keeping Cannas.—Those who have trouble in keeping Cannas over winter should put some plants and get them well started before winter, then give them a place in a frost-proof room in the house, watering rather sparingly till spring. This method is never-failing.



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Libonia, Frank. Co., Pa.

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BRIEF ANSWERS.

Begonias Not Blooming.—When Begonias are overpotted and given a shady place the plants sometimes make a handsome growth of foliage, but do not bloom. The proper treatment for such plants is to shift into smaller pots, and give less shade and less water. The same may be said of Heliotropes, which grow and bloom best in an exposed, sunny place, but often fail in partial shade, rich soil and watered freely.

Cinnamon and Madeira Vines.—The Cinnamon Vine is entirely hardy in the Middle States, and so tenacious that it becomes a troublesome weed. It is doubtless hardy also in Canada. The Madeira vine is not hardy, and the tubers should be lifted and kept in a dry, frost-proof cellar during the winter. A moist, unventilated place must be avoided, as Madeira tubers are liable to mould under such conditions.

About Begonias.—The species or types of the various Begonias can be determined by analysis, if the botanical descriptions are explicit, but to identify the varieties or even the species by illustrations or general descriptions is generally impossible. Even those who are in daily touch with a large collection of Begonias can scarcely name the varieties by direct observation, much less by catalogue descriptions or illustrations.

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Mr. Park:—I am very fond of plants, but never seemed to have any luck with them until I began taking your Magazine. Since then my plants are doing nicely.
Mrs. Ella J. Kelver.
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CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. Park:—In a recent Magazine you console one who sighs for California by telling her that from Santa Barbara to San Diego seems to be the favored location for the floral kingdom. I have resided in Santa Barbara for over thirty years, and know all of California's most favored spots, and almost every summer I visit relatives in Santa Cruz county, than which there is no more ideal spot on earth for flower growing. A little more frost in some exceptionally cold winters is all the difference between that and southern California, while the cool, high fogs of summer, and the delightful and numerous streams of water and nearness of large forests on the mountains, make an even and superior atmosphere for flower growing. Carnations, Roses, Begonias, Ferns, Hibiscus, Orange, Lemon, Dracena, Lilies, Pelargoniums, Mandevilla, Crape Myrtle, Bouvardias—all these and numerous others are before me as I write, and ruby-throated humming birds darting among them all. My sister, Mrs. Lowry, who takes your Magazine, bids me say a word for this county, and now I dislike to stop. You ought to travel this way and write what you see.

Mrs. M. M. Child.

Santa Cruz Co., Cal., June 15, 1900.

Mr. Park:—I wish you could have seen my Assters last summer. I had over 3000 by actual count. They made a grand display of all colors. In the spring I have a lovely lawn with four different colors of Crocus blossoms. I planted 100 bulbs, and the yellow ones had from seven to nine blossoms each, the others four blossoms each. One old gentleman stood looking at them, and when he saw me he asked me what they were. He thought that children had stuck paper flowers in the grass. I like your Floral Magazine very much.

Mrs. B. A. Beneker.

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Saline Co., Mo., July 6, 1900.

Mr. Park:—I think Park's is, by far, the best Floral Magazine I have ever seen.

Mrs. M. E. Sheppard

Catahoula Par., La., Aug. 30, 1900.

Mr. Park:—I have been taking your Floral Magazine for three years, and I can assure you it has given me much pleasure, and been such a help to me in my flower work.

Mrs. J. S. Richardson.

Madison Par., La., Aug. 31, 1900.

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C. H. Stever.

Norton Co., Kas., May 19, 1900.

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E. H. Norris.

Erie Co., Pa., June 12, 1900.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Russelia.—Mr. Park: I have a *Russelia juncea* four years old which has not bloomed. How shall I treat it?—S. L., Kan.

Ans.—*Russelia juncea* is not reliable as a blooming plant. I have seen catalogue illustrations showing profuse-blooming specimens, but have yet to see such specimens of this *Russelia*. The newer species known as *R. elegantissima*, however, is different. It is really a free-blooming sort, and will grow and bloom satisfactorily with the attention given a *Geranium*. Replace your *Russelia juncea* with *R. elegantissima*, and you will appreciate this advice.

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Mr. Park:—Last spring I sent for ~~the~~ plants and your Magazine a year. When the ~~plants~~ arrived I was very agreeably surprised. ~~At that price I~~ expected to get mere rooted cuttings which, by careful nursing, would be good ~~plants~~ by fall. Imagine my joyful surprise at the ~~many~~ plants which came to me. They were not ~~settled~~ in the least when I received them, but as ~~it was~~ late at night I put their roots in soft water until morning. Then I potted them, and they were not only settled in their new quarters but actually growing in less than a week. I have nipped the top out of the Abutilon, and yesterday I shifted the Boston Fern to a larger pot; it was reaching its little runners beyond the edge of the quart can in which I first installed it. The Achania and Acalypha Sanderiana are each about as tall again as when I received them, and such great rich-looking leaves as they have put out! Please tell me in the Magazine if I should nip them back to make them branch enough for symmetry. I go to Park's Floral Magazine to find out everything about flowers, and it very seldom fails me. To the sister who has trouble with moles I would say put corn soaked in strong poison in their runs. Put it clear down into the little tunnels, and you will be no longer bothered with the moles.

Eleanor Gordon.

Brown Co., Ohio, Aug. 5, 1900.

[NOTE.—It is well to pinch back the tops and branches of plants to promote branching and a symmetrical form.—Ed.]

Tuberous Begonias.—Dear Mr. Park: I have some very large blossoms on my Tuberous Begonias. I will enclose one, not the largest by any means, but I have this pressed. As you know, I sent for the tubers very late. I never use any kind of fertilizer on them—just go to the woods, brush off the coarsest leaves, then scrape the upper dirt, and use only that.

Tillie Tillman.

Isanti Co., Minn., Aug. 6, 1900.

[NOTE.—The pressed flower enclosed measured more than four inches in diameter.—Ed.]

Mr. Park:—In the May number of your Magazine Mrs. P. C. R., Middlesex Co., Mass., says the Little Gem Calla is "no good." I do not agree with her. In my bed-room window this winter I had a Little Gem, and it bore three flowers during the winter. I watered it with hot water, making sure that the drainage was good.

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C. H. Stevens.

Norton Co., Kan., May 19, 1900.

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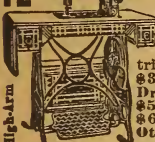
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Mabel L. Johns.

Gogebic Co., Mich., July 1, 1900.

Dear Mr. Park:—I was very much pleased with the Gloxinia bulbs received from you this spring. I take your Magazine and enjoy reading it. We live in the country on a farm of ninety-two acres. I am very fond of flowers, and like the Children's Corner.

Elma C. Miller (age 14).

Mercer Co., Ohio, July 1, 1900.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a girl of twelve years. I am an orphan. My parents died before I was three years old. I have a nice home now with Mrs. C. Jahnke. We take Park's Floral Magazine, and I enjoy reading the Children's Corner, and hope to see my letter in it, too. I am very fond of flowers, and have a little garden. Mrs. Jahnke has no children, so I am alone, as my sisters and brothers don't live here.

Bertha Sheffer.

Bell Co., Texas, June 17, 1900.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl eight years old. We are eleven, boys and girls, and each of us has a flower garden of our own. I have Sweet Peas and Poppies in my garden. We like your Magazine very much. Mamma has a lovely big garden. She always gets her seeds from you. She says your seeds are very nice. Mamma has Sweet Peas and all kinds of flowers in her garden. I like to read the Children's Corner.

Frances Martiney.

South Vallejo, Cal., June 29, 1900.

Mr. Park:—Mamma received five tuberous-rooted Begonias from you. Mamma was going to write, but I wanted to, so she let me. I like to read Children's Corner very much, so I wanted to write. I am in the sixth grade, and am eleven years old. Mamma receives your Magazine every month. I have two brothers, one fourteen years old and one eight. We are all very fond of flowers.

Ruth S. Walters.

Pierce Co., Wash., June 1, 1900.

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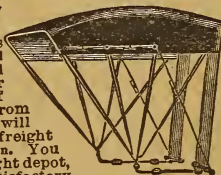


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Caledonia Co., Vt., July 12, 1900.

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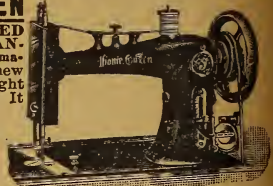
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Aralia Sieboldii.
Asclepias tuberosa.
Asparagus Sprengeri.
Bergamot, scarlet Monarda.
White-flowered.
Begonia alba picta.
Argentea guttata.
Argyrostigma picta.
Bertha Chateaurocher.
Compta.
Decora.
Foliosa.
Feast (Beef Steak)
Fuchsoides coccinea.
Glaucophylla scandens.
Manicata aurea.
Multiflora hybrida.
M. de Lesseps.
Netata rosea.
Olbia.
Queen of Bedders.
Rubra.
Sandersonii.
Sanguinea.
Sempervirens rosea.
Souv. de Pres. Guillaume.
Thurstonii.
Velutina.
Vittata alba.
Weltoniensis, Cut-leaved.
Weltoniensis rubra.
Zebrina.
- Begonia, Giant Tuberous.
Berberis Thunbergianum.
Bryophyllum calycinum.
Bougainvillea glabra Sanderiana.
Ruxus sempervivum.
California Privet.
Callirhoe involucrata.
Calla Lily, Spotted-leaved.
Callia palustris.
Calycanthus floridus.
Calystegia pubescens.
- Cape Jasmine.
NOTE.—The Cape Jasmine is a lovely evergreen shrub, fine for pots at the North or the yard in the South. Flowers large, double, waxy, creamy-white and deliciously-scented.
Carnation Wm. Scott.
Marguerite, mixed.
Catalpa Kämpferi, Japan.
Carex Japonica.
Cestrum parqui.
Laurifolium.
Poeticus.
Chelone barbata.
Chrysanthemum in variety.
Cicuta Maculata.
Cineraria hybrida.
Cissus discolor.
Heterophylla, hardy.
Claytonia Virginica.
Clematis Virginiana.
Paniculata.
Clerodendron Balfouri.
Coccoloba platyclada.
Convolvulus Mauriticanus.
Convolvulus lanceolata.
Coronilla glauca.
Crassula cordata, winter-bloomer.
Cuphea platyclentra.
Cyclamen Persicum.
Cyperus alternifolius.
Cypripedium acaule.
Dahlia, in variety.
Deutzia gracilis, shrub.
Crenata fl. pl.
Double Daisy, Ball of Snow.
Long-leaved, pink.
Echeveria secunda.
Elecampane (Inula).
Eranthemum pulchellum.
Erigeron glabellum.
Euonymus Japonica aurea.
Variegata, hardy.
Eupatorium riparium.
Euphorbia splendens.
Fabiana imbricata.
Fern, hardy, in variety.
Fern tender in variety.
Forsythia viridissima.
Suspensa, slender.
Fuchsia, Black Prince.
Arabella Improved.
Dr. Tapinard.
Oriflamme.
Phenomenal.
Procumbens.
Speciosa, winter-bloomer.
Elm City.
Little Prince.
Gaillardia grandiflora.
Gardenia, Cape Jasm.
Gentiana Andrewsii.
Geranium, in variety.
Geum coccineum fl. pl.
Gloxinia, in variety.
Golden Glow, (Rudbeckia.)
Golden Rod.
Goodyera pubescens.
Habrothamnus elegans.
Helianthus tuberosum.
Hemerocallis fulva.
Flava, Lemon Lily.
Kwamso, Double.
Hepatica triloba.
Hibiscus, Chinese, choice named, great variety.
Crimson Eye, hardy.
Double Althea, hardy shrub, in variety.
- Heterocentron, white.
Honeysuckle, Hall's hardy.
Gold-leaved.
Houstonia cœrulea.
Hydrangea Hortensis.
Paniculata.
Hypericum moserianum.
Impatiens Sultana, carmine.
Bright Pink.
Rich Salmon.
Iris. Germanica, mixed.
Dwarf, for edging.
Isoplepis gracilis, grass.
Ivy, German or Parlor.
English, hardy.
"variegated."
Kenilworth, for baskets.
Jasminum Grand Duke.
Grandiflorum.
Nudiflorum.
Justicia carnea, pink.
Sanguinea.
Kenilworth Ivy.
Kerria Japonica.
Lantana, white, pink, yellow.
Don Calmet, or Weeping.
Lavatera arborea var.
Lavender, fragrant.
Leucanthemum maximum.
Libonia penrhosiensis.
Lily of the Valley.
Linum perenne, blue.
Lopesia rosea.
Lophospermum scandens.
Lycopodium, in sorts.
Lysimachia nummularia.
Mackaya bella.
Madeira Vine, started.
Mahernia odorata.
Malva moschata alba.
Manettia bicolor, vine.
Cardifolia, rare.
Mandevillea suaveolens.
Matrimony Vine, hardy.
Matricaria capensis alba.
Mesembryanthemum spectabile (grandiflorum).
Mint, variegated, hardy.
Mitchella repens.
Monarda didyma, white.
Moneywort, for baskets.
Montbretia crocosmiflora.
Myosotis alpestris victoria.
Nepeta glechoma variegata, Ground Ivy.
Nicotiana Jasmine-scented.
Sylvestris, sweet, new.
"Old Bachelor," scented.
"Old Maid," scented.
"Old Man," scented, hardy.
"Old Woman," scented.
Oxalis arborea.
Golden Star.
Othonna crassifolia.
Panicum variegatum.
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Pansy, in variety.
Passiflora Scarlet Hybrid.
Peperomia maculosa.
Arifolia, new.
Peristrophe ang. variegata.
Persicaria cuspidata.
Petunia, double, in variety.
Phalaris arundinacea.
Phladelphus grandiflorus.
- Phlox, perennial, Snowball.
Boule de Feu, flame-color.
Maculata, red.
Pink, Cyclops.
Old-fashioned.
Her Majesty, white.
Plumbago, capensis alba.
Capensis, blue.
Primula, Chinese, in sorts.
Primula Forbesi.
Veris, gold-laced.
Sieboldii.
Ranunculus acris fl. pl.
Aconitifolius fl. pl.
Rivinia humilis.
Rocket, Sweet.
Rose, in variety.
Rudbeckia laciniata fl. pl.
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Makoyana.
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Elegantissima, new.
Sagittaria variabilis.
Salvia splendens, scarlet.
New Scarlet.
Patens, blue.
Rutilans, new.
Sanguinaria canadensis.
Sansevieria Zealanica.
Saxifraga sarmentosa.
Scutellaria pulchella.
Sedum, hardy, yellow.
Sedum, for baskets.
Acre, "Crownfoot."
Maximowiczii, hardy.
Selaginella, moss-like.
Sempervivum, hardy.
Senecio macroglossis.
Smilax, Boston.
Solanum Dulcamara, vine.
Grandiflorum.
Seafortthianum, blue.
Spirea, Van Houtte.
Anthony Waterer.
Prunifolia.
Reevesii.
Stevia serrata.
Variegata.
Strobilanthes Dyerianus.
Anisophyllus.
Sweet William, in sorts.
Thyme, variegated.
Tradescantia variegata.
Zebrina.
Trailing Arbutus.
Tuberose, Double.
Tanica saxifraga.
Verbena, hardy purple.
Large-flowered Hybrids.
Veronica imperialis.
Spicata.
Vinca, Hardy Blue.
Harrisonii, marbled.
Rosea, rose.
Rosea alba, white.
Violet, Lady Campbell.
Water Hyacinth.
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Candida, white.
Variegata.
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